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Mr. Chester Bowles Essex. Connecticut

Dear Chet:

Referring to your letter of 10 January 1958, the trip of the "mothers" to China went off quite well although it failed in its main objective of getting the release of the Americans. However, this was probably more than one could have hoped and I thought the chances of it were relatively slight. It may come later.

I was much interested in your letter from J.N. I feel it was very useful that you wrote this and this too may bear fruit one of these days. As far as I can judge from my reports, the travellers to China handled themselves with dignity and circumspection.

Sincerely,

Allen W. Dulles

Director

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